

Town of Montville
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 26, 2009
Town Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Buebendorf called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Montville will hold a public hearing on February 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time at the Montville Town Hall, Council Chambers, 310 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT 06382, on proposed revisions to the existing water rate schedule. At this hearing, all consumers of water, property owners serviced by the Montville Water Department and other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard, and written communications relative to the above will be received and considered.

The dollar amounts of such proposed increase to the existing rate schedule are set forth below. Copies of the complete text of the proposed rate schedule are on file at the offices of the Town Clerk and Water Pollution Control Administrative Office, 310 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT and are available for public inspection on the Town's website @ Montville-ct.org.

RATE SCHEDULE FOR ALL WATER SERVICE LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN
 OF MONTVILLE SERVICE AREA BILLED ON AND AFTER March 1, 2009

1. MONTHLY RATE IS THE SUM OF THE SERVICE CHARGE AND THE CONSUMPTION CHARGE.

- A. The monthly **service charge** is based on meter size and includes consumption charge for the first 2,000 gallons for monthly customers and 6,000 gallons for quarterly customers.

<u>Monthly Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Service charge</u>	<u>Quarterly Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly Service Charge</u>
3"	\$85.00	5/8"	\$30.00
4"	130.00	3/4"	30.00
8"	410.00	1"	30.00
10"	410.00	1 1/2"	80.00
12"	1,010.00	2"	155.00

- B. The monthly **consumption charge** is based on the number of gallons recorded on the meter during the billing period and is calculated in 1,000 increments in accordance with this Schedule:

<u>Monthly Consumption</u>	<u>Per 1,000 Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Quarterly Consumption</u>	<u>Per 1,000 Quarterly Charge</u>
0-2,000 gal.	N/C	0-6,000 gal.	N/C
2,000+	4.14	6,000+	4.14

2. HYDRANT AND FIRE SPRINKLER CHARGES

- A. Hydrant Annual Service Charge \$250.00

- B. Fire Sprinkler Service in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u>
2"	\$ 35 (residential sprinklers only)
3"	755
4"	755
6"	755
8"	755
10"	755

3. NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS

- A. New Account Administration Fee - \$35.00
- B. Service Connection operational charge - \$185 per unit
- C. Installation for residential corporation cock, copper feeder line, and curb stop - \$2,250
- D. Installation for commercial/industrial connection will be negotiated with the applicant based on average gallons per day and time and materials.
- E. Service Connection infrastructure charge –
Residential - \$3,738
Commercial/Industrial - \$6.23 per gallon of average daily consumption

4. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

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| A. | Emergency service after business hours | \$ 50 |
| B. | Emergency service during business hours | \$ 35 |
| C. | Service work by appoint during business hours | N/C |
| D. | Returned check fee | \$ 35 |
| E. | Curb shut off | \$ 50 |
| F. | Restoration of service | \$ 50 |
| G. | Meter accuracy test requested by customer | |
| | If meter is off more than 4% | N/C |
| | If meter is off less than 4% | \$130 |
| H. | Backflow prevention device test (1) | \$ 75 |
| | Each additional unit at same site | \$ 30 |

Chairperson Buebendorf invited members of the public to come forward to speak for or against the proposal.

WPCA Administrator Brian Lynch discussed the rate increases, stating it is necessary to raise the water rates because the Town buys water from Groton who has already raised their water rates. He indicated the increases will cover the higher water rates from Groton as well as updates to infrastructure and for unaccounted for water.

Councilor Beetham inquired regarding the proposed water rates and how the rates are determined for residential and commercial customers.

WPCA Administrator Brian Lynch explained the process and how consumers are billed and how their rates are determined.

Chairperson Buebendorf asked two times if there were any further comments from the Public. There being none the Public Hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville